...I... LOVE YOU...
...I SEE YOU ARE WEARING THE EARRINGS.
THEY LOOK GOOD ON YOU.
ALL THIS TIME...
I THOUGHT I WAS TALKING WITHIN MY OWN DREAM...
BUT, NOW I KNOW THAT WASN'T THE CASE.
FORGIVE ME...UP UNTIL NOW...
I THOUGHT IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO HAVE THESE FEELINGS FOR YOU.

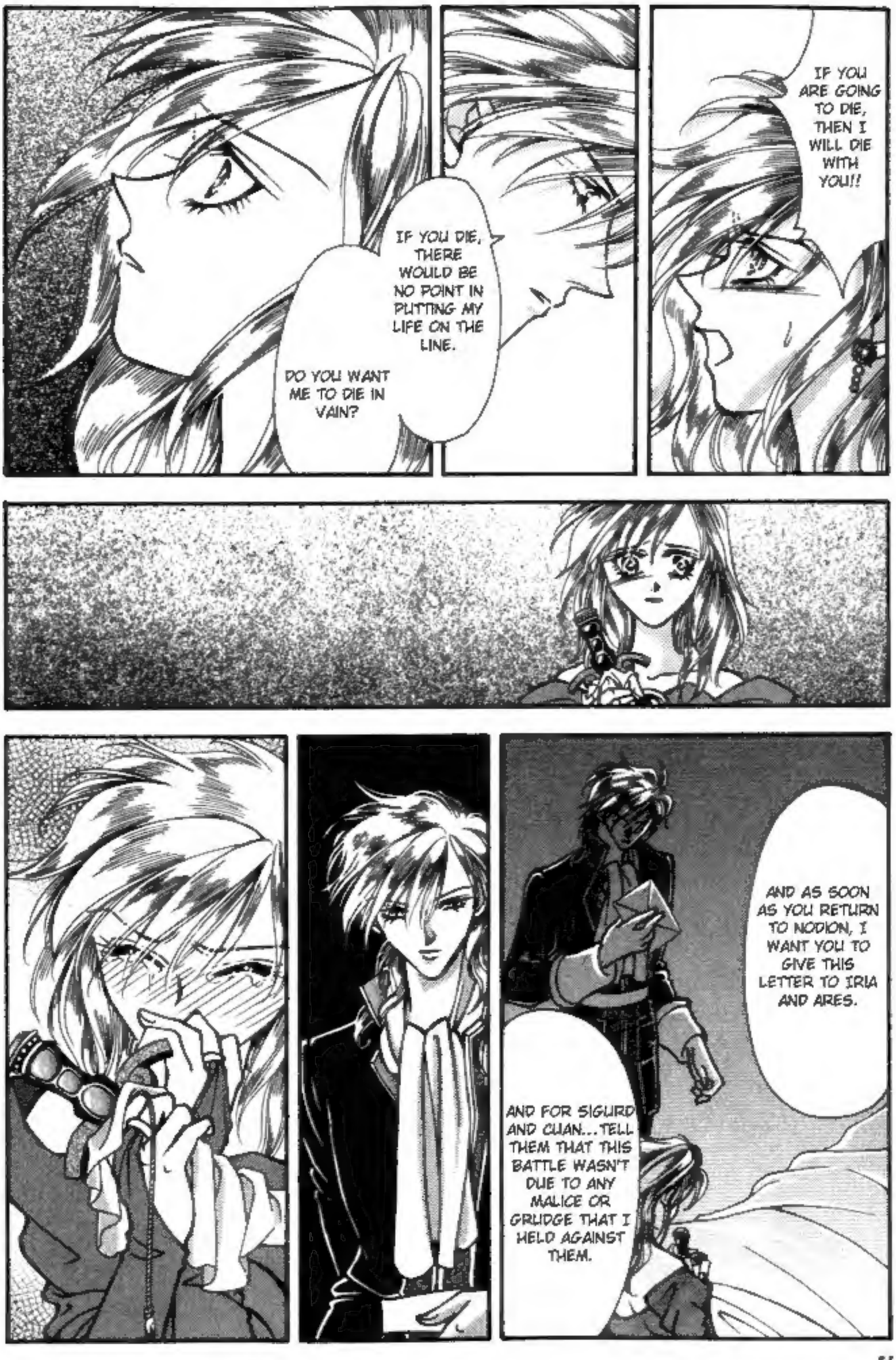
THESE FEELINGS MADE ME REALIZE THAT IF I HAD LOST YOU,
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE LIVING.
BECAUSE OF MY FOOLISHNESS...I ENDED UP HURTING YOU.
I LOVE YOU.
I WANT TO...
...TOUCH YOU MORE...

WE CAN'T.
... THEN...
IN THAT CASE...
I'M...
OKAY WITH IT...

I AM AFRAID.
I'M..!!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE WARNING!
WHY NOT...?
BECAUSE YOU WILL BE THE ONLY PERSON LIVING WITH THE SHAME OF COMMITTING THAT TABOO ACT.
...EH?
CLACK
I'LL BE THE ONLY PERSON ...?
LIVING ...!?

.....?
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO HOLD ON TO.
Shyuu
ISN'T THIS LORD BROTHER'S LUCKY SWORD...?
THIS IS... THE "EARTH SWORD."

NO MATTER WHAT, I HAVE TO CONVINCE HIM TO PULL BACK THE TROOPS.
BUT...IT PROBABLY WON'T BE THAT SIMPLE.
HE MIGHT THROW ME IN THE DUNGEON...AND THIS TIME THERE IS A CHANCE I MAY...
TOMORROW
GOT IT? IF I DON'T COME BACK I WANT YOU TO KEEP THIS SWORD AS A MEMENTO.
I WILL RETURN TO SILVAIL TO TRY AND TALK SOME SENSE INTO HIS MAJESTY.
IT WILL PROTECT YOU...FOR SURE.


IF YOU DIE, THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN PUTTING MY LIFE ON THE LINE.
DO YOU WANT ME TO DIE IN VAIN?
IF YOU ARE GOING TO DIE, THEN I WILL DIE WITH YOU!!
AND AS SOON AS YOU RETURN TO NODION, I WANT YOU TO GIVE THIS LETTER TO IRIA AND ARES.
AND FOR SIGURD AND CUAN... TELL THEM THAT THIS BATTLE WASN'T DUE TO ANY MALICE OR GRUDGE THAT I HELD AGAINST THEM.

PLEASE DON'T CRY LIKE THAT.
IT WAS YOU WHO TAUGHT ME THIS,
THAT IT IS BETTER FOR A KNIGHT TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN, RATHER THAN RISK IT IN A MEANINGLESS BATTLE.
ALL I WISH IS THAT WE GO BACK TO HOW WE USED TO BE,
WHEN WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING TOGETHER.
AND ONCE AGAIN, YOU LEAVE ME WITH ONLY YOUR PARTING WORDS.
IT'S THE LAST THING I CAN DO AS A KNIGHT.
LACHESIS.
PLEASE UNDER-STAND.

I UNDER-STAND.
THEN THAT WAY THE PERSON I LOVED...
SHALL FOREVER BE ADMIRED AS THE "LION KING", THE HOLY KNIGHT OF NODION.

...GOD
...
PLEASE WATCH OVER THIS GIRL.
I ASK THAT YOU BESTOW HER WITH ALL THE HAPPINESS I CAN GIVE HER.
AND...I SWEAR BY THESE INNOCENT LIPS...

WHEN WE BOTH ARE REBORN AGAIN, I WILL BECOME YOURS.

MY LOVE.

MY LACHESIS...

LACHE-
SIS.
YES?
WELL
THEN,
INDECH
PLEASE SEE TO
IT THAT
LACHESIS
MAKES HER WAY
TO SIGURD
UNHARMED
APOLO-
GIZE.
..TO SIGURD
AND CLAN
FOR ME
AS YOU
WISH I
WILL BE
HONORED TO
CARRY OUT
THIS TASK

EVERYONE WENT WITH MY BROTHER,

DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE TOLD THE KNIGHTS THAT THEY COULD ALL RETURN TO THEIR HOME-TOWNS IF THEY WANTED TO

. AS I PERFORM MY FINAL ACT!

YOU MAY VIEW ME AS A SON WHO HAS DONE NO RIGHT.

BUT PLEASE WITNESS

WE SHALL HEAD FOR SILVAIL!!

OH GOD MEZUL.

IF THEIR LORD IS GOING TO RISK HIS LIFE, THEY WANT TO BE THERE TO WITNESS IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES.
WHATEVER ROAD HE TAKES, WE SHALL TAKE THAT ROAD AS WELL.
YOU WANTED TO GO WITH THEM, DIDN'T YOU?
HE ENTRUSTED ME WITH TAKING CARE OF THE PRINCESS.
IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE
THANK YOU.
HAVING THE CROSS KNIGHTS AS HIS VASSALS HAS BROUGHT MUCH HAPPINESS TO MY BROTHER.

I'M PATHETIC. THE ONLY THING I DID WAS REFUSE TO FIGHT ELTO
AND ALL I CAN DO NOW IS KEEP HOPING THAT I WILL SEE HIM AGAIN.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. IF WE MAKE OUR TROOPS TAKE ANY SORT OF ACTION, IT WILL ONLY SERVE TO INFURIATE CHAGALL AND SUBSEQUENTLY HURT ELTO'S STANCE

FORGIVE ME, LACHESIS.
YOU CAN BLAME ME IF YOU WANT
OF COURSE NOT. I MY BROTHER WOULDN'T WANT ME TO

IT JUST MEANS. .HE IS A KNIGHT WHO TRULY DIDN'T WANT TO BETRAY HIS FRIENDS.
I'M OKAY. I TAKE PRIDE IN KNOWING THIS TRUTH
THEN,
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
Rattle
Rattle
Rattle
LACHE-SIS..

WAS IT JUST HER LEGS ?
HER LEGS WERE TREMBLING
IT MUST BE HARD FOR HER.
NO.
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF
STAGGER
MY BODY WON'T STOP SHAKING.
BECAUSE . FROM NOW ON.
NOT YET
EVEN NOW.

THIS BATTLE DOES NOT SERVE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF AGUSTRIA.

IF THINGS CONTINUE AS THEY ARE, MORE AND MORE FIEFS AND PEOPLE WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPOVERISHED. EVEN WITHOUT FIGHTING GRANDBELL, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE COUNTRY FALLS INTO RUIN.

I HAVE RETURNED SO THAT I MAY ADVISE YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.

ELTOSHAN...!!

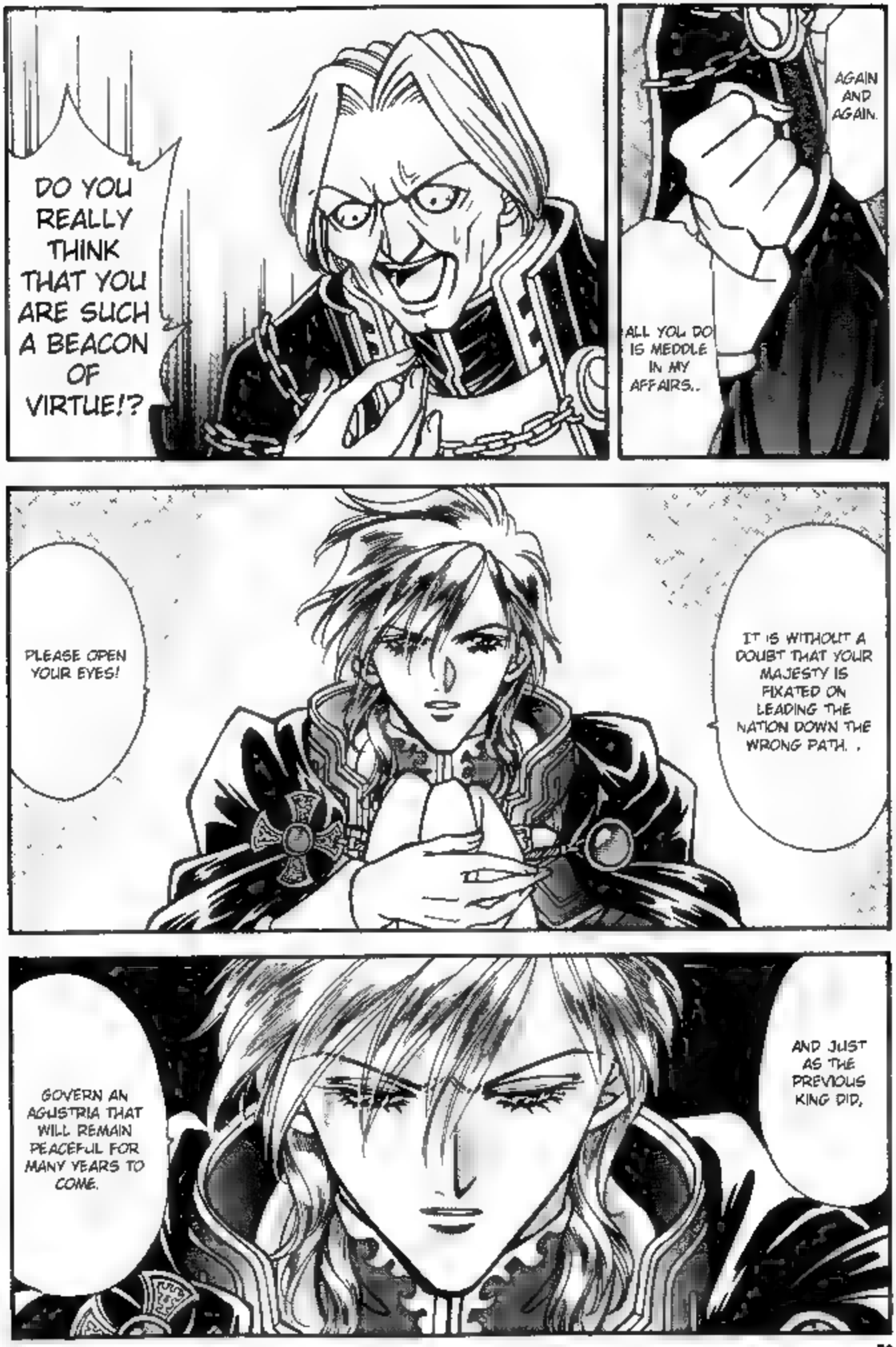
PLEASE HEED MY WORDS!!

WE MUST DEVOTE ALL THE REMAINING RESOURCES AND POWER WE HAVE INTO REBUILDING AGUSTRIA.

RIGHT NOW, THE WINDOW FOR GRANDBELL TO WITHDRAW FROM AGUSTRIA IS GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER.

WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED, ELTOSHAN!?

HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR TASK?


DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT YOU ARE SUCH A BEACON OF VIRTUE!?
AGAIN AND AGAIN.
ALL YOU DO IS MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS..
PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES!
IT IS WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT YOUR MAJESTY IS FIXATED ON LEADING THE NATION DOWN THE WRONG PATH. .
GOVERN AN AGUSTRIA THAT WILL REMAIN PEACEFUL FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.
AND JUST AS THE PREVIOUS KING DID,

SOMEONE! ANYONE! TAKE THIS TRAITOR'S HEAD!
AND THEN TAKE THAT HEAD AND SEND IT TO THE GRANDBELL ARMY!!
.. I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST A RUMOR
IF HE HAD ONLY KEPT HIS MOUTH SHUT, I WOULD HAVE LET HIM LIVE LONGER...
ALL FATHER EVER DID WAS PRAISE YOU.
FATHER ..?

VERY WELL, LET THE SWORD TAKE MY LIFE!!

SO THAT THE SIGHT OF A KNIGHT WHO DOES NOT FEAR DEATH MAY FOREVER BE BURNED IN YOUR MINDS!!

NOW, CUT IT OFF RIGHT HERE!!

WHAT A LOAD OF DRIVEL!!

IN THAT CASE, UNTIL THE MOMENT I PERISH, "AGUSTRIA, THE LAND OF KNIGHTS SHALL STILL STAND ...!!

NONETHELESS, AS LONG AS HE IS STILL MY "KING",

I SHALL SHOW HIM THE LOYALTY OF A KNIGHT

NO, IT MAY HAVE ALREADY MET ITS END,

WHY ARE YOU HESITATING!?

WHOEVER KILLS HIM WILL BE APPOINTED AS A NEW DUKE OF AGUSTRIA.

EVER SINCE THE KING OF THE LAND OF "KNIGHTS" ...

HAD LOST ALL HIS "KNIGHTS".

NOW WHO WILL STEP UP!?

UNFORTUNATELY,

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE END FOR AGUSTRIA.

GUIDE THIS SOUL...

OVER TO HER SIDE...

PLEASE...

LACHESIS...!!!

IT'S GOTTEN REALLY NOISY OUTSIDE..
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ARE YOU STILL SULKING.?
YOU HAVE TO.. CHEER UP
I'M FINE
SORRY, EVEN THOUGH YOU INVITED ME.

FINN
LADY LACHESIS.

LADY LACHE-SIS!
LACHE-SIS!!
SFX: BAM!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? TO SEE LORD BROTHER!
IT'S BEST FOR YOU NOT TO SEE IT
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE? HE COULD STILL BE ALIVE!!
IF I CALL OUT TO HIM, MAYBE HE... ANSWER ME!
WHAT ARE TALKING ABOUT!?

PLEASE CALM DOWN AND THINK!
IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY A HEAD WITHOUT A BODY CAN STILL BE ALIVE!!

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!!

Ah...

N-

DAMN IT!!

DAMN IT .!!

DAMN IT ALL .!!

WHO KNEW.
THAT A PERSON COULD CRY OUT LIKE THAT
HE MUST HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN ORDER BY HIS COUNTRY THAT EVEN HE FELT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO CARRY OUT
FOR THIS TO FINALLY HAPPEN TO ELTO,
I'M SURE ELTO WOULDN'T WANT THIS TO BECOME A "BATTLE FOR REVENGE".
YEAH.
EVEN FOR A GUY LIKE CHAGALL, ELTOSHAN WAS STILL LOYAL TO HIS MASTER.

MOST LIKELY
WE HAVE TO THINK UP OF A COUNTER PLAN
BUT RIGHT NOW I HAVE TO LET ETHLIN REST FOR A BIT
OKAY, TAKE CARE OF HER
MERCENARIES AGAIN. .
BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
THE CROSS KNIGHTS ARE THIS COUNTRY'S LAST LINE OF DEFENSE AND THEY WILL NOT TAKE ACTION WITHOUT ELTO TO LEAD THEM.
YET, CHAGALL WAS SO QUICK TO GET RID OF ELTO.
YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST TOO
. MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU HAD BROUGHT DIADORA ALONG

BUT I CAN ENDURE IT FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
WHEN I GET BACK, THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO IS CRY IN YOUR ARMS
YOU CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME.
DIADORA
IN THESE DIRE TIMES YOU WERE ALWAYS RIGHT THERE TO SUPPORT ME.
EVEN NOW, I HAVE A STRONG URGE TO SEE YOU.

YORU.
(NIGHT)

*TL NOTE. TAILTO IS PLAYING SHIRITORI HERE. A JAPANESE WORD GAME IN WHICH THE PLAYER(S) CREATE PHRASES THAT START WITH THE KANA THAT THE PREVIOUS PHRASE ENDED WITH. SO "YORU" ENDS WITH THE KANA "RU" NOW THE NEXT PHRASE MUST START WITH "RU", THUS TAILTO SAYS "RUBI" AND CONTINUES ON FROM THERE

SIGH

SHIRITORI MO AKITYATTA YO.. YO* (I'M ALREADY SICK OF PLAYING SHIRITORI.)

. can't make any more sentences

RU RUBI (RUBY)

BIJIN NA WATASHI .. SHI . (BEAUTIFUL ME)

PLEASE WAIT FOR ME HERE.

IT'S NICE THAT HE BROUGHT ME ALL THE WAY TO THE TOWER OF BLAGI..

TAILTO, FROM HERE ON OUT ONLY THOSE WITH BLAGI BLOOD MAY PROCEED.

LEAVING ME ALL ALONE IN THIS GIGANTIC ROOOOM!!

BUT THEN FATHER HAD TO GO AND QUICKLY WARP HIMSELF UP USING THAT MAGIC SEAL!

IF I KNEW IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS, I WOULD HAVE JUST STAYED IN LORD SIGURD'S ARMY AND MADE FUN OF BRATZE..
Hee hee
No getting lost for us!
Chuu
BECAUSE OF HOW "PIRATE PROOF" THIS PLACE IS, THE WHOLE PLACE IS LIKE A MAZE!
I CAN'T GO DOWN TO THE BOTTOM EITHER.
IT'S SOOOOO FUUUNN!
HAHAHA
HA
.....
HA HA
HE GETS ANGRY SO EASILY WHEN HE IS TEASED!
Same goes for you!
FWOOM
FWOOM
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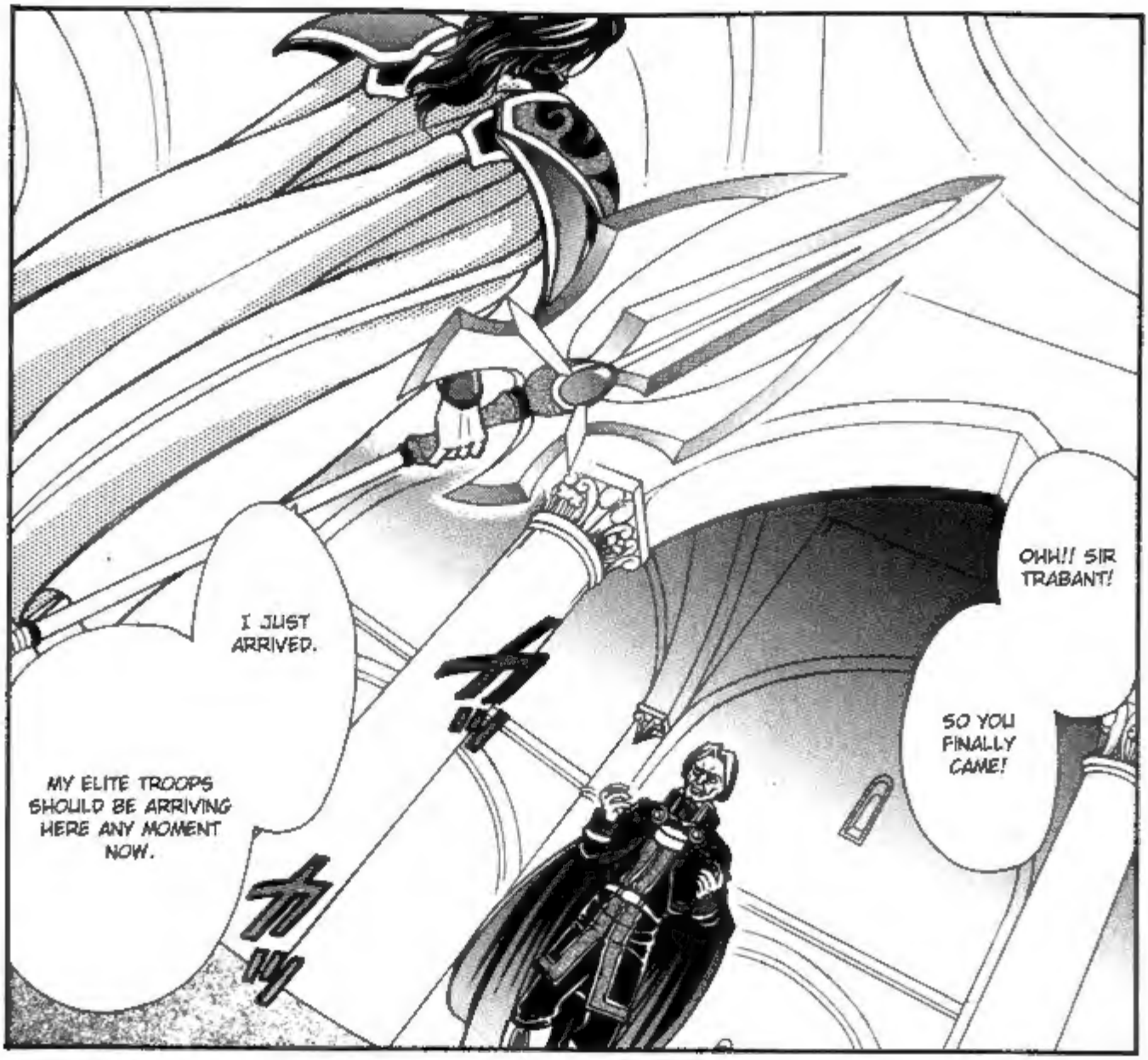
SO THE CROSS KNIGHTS ARE NO MORE...?

ALL OF THE KNIGHTS FOLLOWED THEIR LORD INTO DEATH. HOW MOVING.

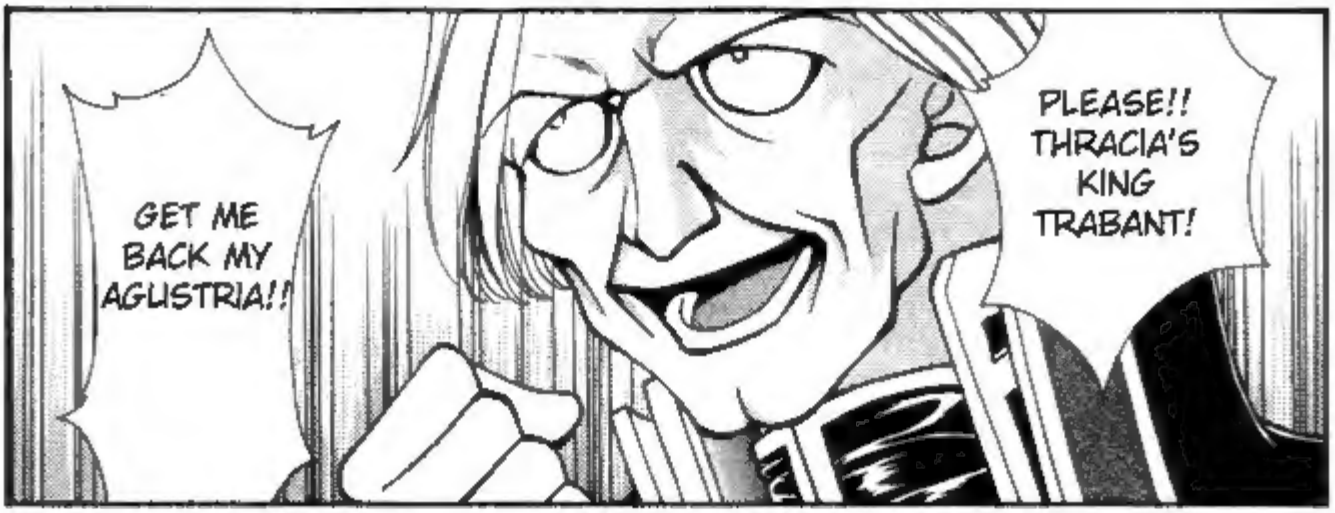
THOSE ARE...!!


OHH!! SIR TRABANT!
SO YOU FINALLY CAME!
I JUST ARRIVED.
MY ELITE TROOPS SHOULD BE ARRIVING HERE ANY MOMENT NOW.

IF WE DON'T DO THAT, HE WON'T HOLD ANY GRUDGE TOWARDS THEM!!

YOUR MAJESTY, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH LORD ELTOSHAN'S MISTELTEINN?
HE SHOULD HAVE A SON...WE CAN MAKE USE OF HIM IN THE FUTURE.
PRETEND THAT ELTOSHAN WAS KILLED BY THE GRANDBELL ARMY AND SEND IT TO NODION!

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE...!!
BECAUSE OF MY WORTHLESS VASSALS, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON YOU.
IF YOU DRIVE GRANDBELL AWAY, I'LL SHOWER YOU WITH ALL THE RICHES YOU DESIRE.


PLEASE!! THRACIA'S KING TRABANT!
GET ME BACK MY AGUSTRIA!!

THAT STUFF DOESN'T MATTER TO US.
ALL WE WISH IS TO REPAY THE ENEMY BY MAKING THEM EXPERIENCE THE SAME HELL WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO GO THROUGH.

"THE TERROR OF DEATH THAT COMES FORTH FROM THE SKY."
IN THE NAME OF THE THRACIA DRAGON KNIGHTS I GIVE YOU MY WORD...